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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. FRYE presented the following

CONFERENCE REPORT:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 7977) making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 20, 36, 38, 48, 49, 67, 69, 73, 74, 75, 80, 83, 104, 118, 126, 138, 139, 142, 157, 158, 160, 172, 207, 208, 222, 223, 250, 251, 333, 385.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 68, 70, 72, 78, 79, 81, 82, 84, 85, 88, 89, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 134, 135, 140, 141, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 159, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 168, 169, 170, 171, 173 (but to be inserted at the end of the item for the Potomac River, instead of that for the Appomattox River, as erroneously printed), 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 200, 201, 202, 203, 205, 206, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 246, 247, 248, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 261, 262, 263, 264, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 384, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 37:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 37, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the language proposed to be inserted insert the following:  
*And provided further, That in making such contracts the Secretary of War shall not obligate the Government to pay in any one fiscal year, begin-*

ning July first, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, more than twenty-five per centum of the whole amount authorized to be expended; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 45:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 45, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the language stricken out insert the two following paragraphs:

*For the purpose of strengthening and improving the bulkheads and pier along the property belonging to the estate of J. P. Robinson, which abuts on the channel known as Gowanus Creek Channel, the said estate of J. P. Robinson, its heirs, their successors or assigns, are hereby authorized to construct and maintain the bulkhead distant thirty feet southerly from the present bulkhead line, beginning four hundred and seventy feet from the southerly side of Bryant street and the easterly side of Court street, and said bulkhead shall then continue westerly parallel with the present bulkhead to a point distant forty-five feet from the present easterly line of the pier at present owned by the estate of J. P. Robinson, and extending thence southerly in a straight line distant forty-five feet from said pier line to the present bulkhead line continued, a distance of about three hundred and ninety-three feet.*

*Improving Gowanus Creek Channel, New York, by deepening the same to twenty-six feet at mean low water, from the foot of Percival street to its junction with the Red Hook Channel, twenty-five thousand dollars.*

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 50:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 50, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the language stricken out, insert the following paragraph:  
*Improving harbor at Mamaroneck, New York: Continuing improvement, in accordance with report of Chief of Engineers, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, ten thousand dollars.*

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 71:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 71, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert *twenty thousand dollars*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 76:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 76, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert *one million dollars*, and strike out the words "recommended in said;" and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 77:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 77, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out the word "report," proposed to be inserted; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 86 and 87:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 86 and 87, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert *eighty thousand dollars*; and strike out all the remainder of the paragraph, being the proviso, including amendment numbered 87; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 90:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 90, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

After the word "improvement," in the second line of the paragraph, strike out the word "fifty" and insert *seventy-five*; and after the word "million," in the seventh line of the paragraph, insert the words *and fifty thousand*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 107, 108, 109, 110, and 111:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 107, 108, 109, 110, and 111, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out the entire paragraph and insert in lieu thereof the following paragraph:

*Improving harbor at Manistee, Michigan: Continuing improvement and dredging the interior channel, fifteen thousand dollars, and all moneys heretofore appropriated and now unexpended may be used for dredging such interior channel at the discretion of the Secretary of War. Any limitations on such former appropriations are hereby repealed.*

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 128:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 128, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert *twenty thousand dollars*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 136:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 136, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Restore the language proposed to be stricken out, and at the end of it insert the following: *if in the opinion of the Secretary of War the interests of commerce demand such expenditure*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 137:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 137, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

From the language proposed to be stricken out except the words "ten thousand dollars"; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 167:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 167, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In the twelfth line of the language proposed to be inserted strike

out the word "but" after the word "Point," and insert in lieu thereof the word *until*; and in the fourteenth line of said proposed language strike out the words "through the Secretary to the next Congress," and insert in lieu thereof the words *to the Secretary of War on the first Monday in December of the current year*; and at the end of the language proposed insert the following:

*And the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to carry out the recommendations of said board, and to modify the present contract, if necessary, and adjust any loss with the contractor occasioned by the provisions of this act, and to pay the same out of the appropriation under which the said contract was made; also to expend the additional sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, in his discretion, for such dredging as may be necessary for the maintenance of channels from the mouths of the Appoquinimink River and Blackbird Creek to the channel of the Delaware River through the dike now being constructed from Reedy Island to Liston Point for the improvement of the Delaware.*

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 185:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 185, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert *ten thousand dollars*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 199:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 199, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert *twenty thousand dollars*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 204:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 204, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Restore the language proposed to be stricken out, and in the next to the last line of the same strike out the word "dams" and insert in lieu thereof the word *locks*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 245:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 245, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

After the word "war," in the fourth line of the language proposed to be inserted, insert the following: *not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary*; and after the word "river," in the following line, strike out the words "such amounts as may be necessary," and insert in lieu thereof the word *and*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 248:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 248, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

After the word "otherwise," proposed to be inserted, insert the words *not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 249:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 249, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In the language proposed to be inserted strike out the words "such amounts as may be necessary"; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 259:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 259, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

After the word "dollars," at the end of the first proviso, insert the words *exclusive of the amount herein appropriated*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 260:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 260, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Before the word "obtaining," next preceding the words proposed to be inserted, insert the word *ultimately*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 265:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 265, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out of the language proposed to be inserted all after the word "commission" and insert in lieu thereof the following: *For the purpose of improving the channel by preventing erosion of the banks, not exceeding seventy thousand dollars at Omaha and Council Bluffs, or so much thereof as may be necessary; at Rocheport, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary; at Glasgow, and for protecting the shore line above Glasgow from the foot of Bowling Green Bend to the head of Harrisons Island, not exceeding eighty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary; at Miami, not exceeding sixty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary; at Saint Charles, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary; at and near the mouth of the Little Blue, in Jackson County, Missouri, not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary; on the banks of the river opposite Leavenworth and Atchison, not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars at each of said localities, or so much thereof as may be necessary; at Nebraska City, not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary: Provided, That the commission may also expend such amounts as may be absolutely necessary at any time in the improvement of the channel by preventing erosion of the banks at other harbors and localities on the river*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 280:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 280, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert *one hundred and fifty thousand dollars*; and strike out all of the proposed language following said sum, being the proviso; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 297:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of



the Senate numbered 297, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert *one hundred and fifty thousand dollars*; strike out all of the first proviso proposed, and strike out the word "*further*," after the word "*Provided*," in the second proviso; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 308:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 308, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the section proposed to be inserted insert the following:

*SEC. 6. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be made and transmitted to the first session of the Fifty-fifth Congress a compilation giving a complete list of all the preliminary examinations that have heretofore been made, date of report, with a statement as to each, whether favorable or unfavorable for survey; also a complete list of all surveys that have heretofore been made, with a statement as to each, whether favorable for adoption or unfavorable, and date of report, amount recommended for completion and amount recommended for each, to be expended during the fiscal year beginning July first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, by both the Chief of Engineers and the engineer in charge; also a complete list of all projects now under construction or maintenance, together with the year when adopted, and if modified, when; the total amount expended on each project and estimate of amount required to complete the same, and amount recommended by the Chief of Engineers and by the engineer in charge to be expended during the fiscal year beginning July first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, the amount appropriated for each project by this act, making reference to the report of the Chief of Engineers where report of each project is given, together with a statement containing the amount of the unexpended balance to the credit of each project July first, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, whether under construction, work suspended, or appropriation made and work not commenced; also the total amounts appropriated heretofore for the improvement and maintenance of the rivers, and the total amounts heretofore appropriated for the improvement and maintenance of harbors in each river and harbor act; also the total amount of appropriation, by States, for the improvement of rivers and harbors.*

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 324:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 324, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the language stricken out insert the following:

*The Secretary of War is hereby directed to cause to be made accurate examinations and estimates of cost of construction of a ship canal, by the most practicable route, wholly within the United States, from the Great Lakes to the navigable waters of the Hudson River, of sufficient capacity to transport the tonnage of the lakes to the sea.*

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 360:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 360, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the language proposed to be inserted insert the following:  
*Delaware River, with a view to obtaining a channel six hundred feet wide*

*and thirty feet deep from a point at or near the city of Philadelphia to the deep water of Delaware Bay.*

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 375:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 375, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In addition to the language proposed insert the following new paragraph:

*Removal of dam in upper Allegheny, near Corydon, and all the dams on the Conewango Creek, and the rapids at or near Waterboro in the Conewango Creek, a tributary of the Allegheny River.*

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 376:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 376, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

After the language proposed to be inserted insert the following paragraph:

*Gowanus Creek, with a view of obtaining a depth of thirty feet at mean low water.*

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 383:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 383, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In the line after the language proposed to be inserted strike out the word "from" before the word "modified," and insert in lieu thereof the word *for*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 386:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 386, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

After the word "refuge," in the next paragraph but one preceding, insert a new paragraph as follows:

*Inner harbor at Point Judith Pond.*

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 130, 132, and 342:

The committee of conference have been unable to agree on the amendments of the Senate numbered 130, 132, and 342.

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